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## Executive Board Bureau

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*4 February 2008*

### Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. José Eduardo Dantas Ferreira Barbosa (Cape Verde, List A) as President for a one-year term. H.E. El Hadj Thierno Mamadou Cellou Diallo (Guinea, List A) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected Mr Evgeny F. Utkin (Russian Federation, List E) as Vice-President. Ms Oksana Dramaretska (Ukraine, List E) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term: Ms Lamya Ahmed Al-Saqqaf (Kuwait, List B); Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru, List C); and H.E. James Alexander Harvey (United Kingdom, List D). Elected as Alternates were: Mr Noel D. De Luna (Philippines, List B); H.E. Enrique Moret Echeverría (Cuba, List C); and Mr Richard Newberg (United States of America, List D).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Manuel Antonio Álvarez Espinal (Peru, List C) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2008.

*4 February 2008*

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2008/EB.1/1 **Current and Future Strategic Issues**

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

*4 February 2008*

## ANNUAL REPORTS

2008/EB.1/2 **Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council**

The Board approved the "Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and FAO Council" (WFP/EB.1/2008/4 + Add.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2007 and the present decision.

*5 February 2008*

## POLICY ISSUES

### 2008/EB.1/3 WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft

The Board took note of "WFP Draft Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft" (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-A) and encouraged further work towards the formulation of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011), in consultation with the Board and taking into account the issues raised by the Board during its discussion.

*4 February 2008*

### 2008/EB.1/4 WFP's Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy

Having considered "WFP's Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy" (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/1), the Board:

- endorsed the strategy for expanding private-sector partnerships and fundraising;
- approved a financing arrangement that limited the use of PSA to cover the cost of WFP's private-sector partnership and fundraising activities;
- accepted the concept of a self-financing model initially supported by a series of advances from the General Fund that would be repaid in accordance with the schedule in Annex VI;
- noted that WFP's private-sector partnership and fundraising advance requests would be included in biennial Management Plans with annual reporting in the Annual Performance Reports; and
- agreed that the self-financing model would be reconsidered in the context of the broader review of WFP's financial policy framework so that it be aligned with the new Strategic Plan and changed funding environment.

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2–WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

*5 February 2008*

## RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

### 2008/EB.1/5 Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations

The Board took note of "Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations" (WFP/EB.1/2008/6-B/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2-WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the ACABQ would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

*5 February 2008*

### 2008/EB.1/6 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board took note of "Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)" (WFP/EB.1/2008/6-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2008/5-B/2–WFP/EB.1/2008/6(B,C,D,E)/2). The Report of the ACABQ would be submitted to the Board at its Annual Session.

*5 February 2008*

## EVALUATION REPORTS

**2008/EB.1/7** **Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme**

The Board took note of "Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-A) and "Management Response to the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*5 February 2008*

## SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

**2008/EB.1/8** **Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008)**

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008)" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-C) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*5 February 2008*

**2008/EB.1/9** **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Zimbabwe 10595.0**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Zimbabwe 10595.0 "Protracted Relief for Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/1).

*6 February 2008*

**2008/EB.1/10** **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Uganda 10121.2**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Uganda 10121.2 "Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Displaced Persons and Other Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/3).

In addition, it requested that the Secretariat review this PRRO in light of the outcome of the discussions on the Strategic Plan and of the changing context, and present its conclusions to the Board at its First Regular Session of 2009.

*6 February 2008*

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

**2008/EB.1/11** **Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0**

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0" (WFP/EB.1/2008/7-B) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*6 February 2008*

**2008/EB.1/12** **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Colombia 10588.0**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Colombia 10588.0 "Food Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and Other Highly Food-Insecure Groups Affected by Violence" (WFP/EB.1/2008/9/2 + Corr.1).

*6 February 2008*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2008/EB.1/13 **Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in "Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2008/12).

*5 February 2008*

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2008/EB.1/14 **Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007**

The Board endorsed the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.2/2007/16.

*6 February 2008*

## OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.1/15 **Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP**

The Board took note of the Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP.

*6 February 2008*

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2. ***Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur***

3. ***Current and Future Strategic Issues***

4. ***Annual Reports***

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5. ***Policy Issues***

   a) WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011): First Draft (for consideration)

   b) WFP's Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy (for approval)

6. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***

   a) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (for approval) - **withdrawn**

   b) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (for consideration)

   c) Global Vehicle Leasing Programme and Self-Insurance Scheme (for information)

   d) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for information)

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7. ***Evaluation Reports***

   a) Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme (for consideration)

   b) Summary Evaluation Report Colombia PRRO 10366.0 (for consideration)

c) Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008) (for consideration)

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## DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as proposed.

*9 June 2008*

### Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation, List E) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2008.

*9 June 2008*

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

### 2008/EB.A/1 Opening Statement by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

*9 June 2008*

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### 2008/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2007

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2007 (WFP/EB.A/2008/4 + Corr.1), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year.

*9 June 2008*

## POLICY ISSUES

### 2008/EB.A/3 WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011)

The Board approved the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/1/Rev.1), in accordance with General Rule VI.1.

The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*9 June 2008*

### 2008/EB.A/4 WFP Communications Strategy

The Board took note of "WFP Communications Strategy" (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-B).

*10 June 2008*

## RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

**2008/EB.A/5** **Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007)**

The Board:

i) approved the 2006–2007 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);

ii) approved, in accordance with Financial Regulation 10.6, the replenishment of the Operational Reserve from the General Fund in the amount of US$5.9 million, relating to a drawdown from the Operational Reserve based on a forecast contribution that did not materialize; and

iii) noted the funding from the General Fund of US$4.5 million during the biennium for the write-off of cash losses, unfunded expenditures, and contributions and accounts receivable.

The Board took note of the audit recommendations made by the External Auditor and the responses made by the Secretariat as set out in the document "Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the World Food Programme for the Biennium 2006–2007 (Section IV)" (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-A/1/4), and encouraged the Secretariat to implement these audit recommendations without delay.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*10 June 2008*

**2008/EB.A/6** **WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)**

The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in "WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)" (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-B/1):

i) approved a pledging target of US$7.8 billion for 2009–2010; and

ii) reiterated its proposal to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that the Council consider discontinuing the Pledging Conferences because they no longer play a significant role in WFP's resource mobilization.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*10 June 2008*

**2008/EB.A/7** **Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)**

Having considered "Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)" (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-C/1), the Board:

i) approved the policy for hedging the Euro component of Programme Support and Administrative expenses as outlined in this document, with effect from the 2009 budgetary period;

ii) approved the use of US$5 million from the General Fund for the establishment of an Emergency Security Fund; and

iii) approved the use of up to US$7.5 million from the General Fund for WINGS II as follows:

a. US$5 million project risk contingency allocation to cover unexpected cost overruns; and

b. US$2.5 million for change requests to allow the project to promptly incorporate high-value opportunities that arise during the realization phase.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*10 June 2008*

2008/EB.A/8 **Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations**

The Board:

i) took note of the "Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations" (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-E/1);

ii) took note of the proposal made by the Secretariat that in future, all External Audit reports presented to the Board be accompanied by a response from the Secretariat together with an action plan to implement the recommendations contained in such report; and

iii) further noted that a summary report on the implementation of all external audit recommendations will be presented at each Annual Session of the Board, in line with recommendations of the ACABQ and FAO Finance Committee that the Board consider receiving only one progress report per year.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*10 June 2008*

2008/EB.A/9 **Report of the Inspector General**

The Board took note of "Report of the Inspector General" (WFP/EB.A/2008/6-F/1) and undertook to forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services with its comments.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/2(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2008/5-A/3(6-A,B,C,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

*10 June 2008*

## EVALUATION REPORTS

2008/EB.A/10 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations**

The Board took note of the "Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations" (WFP/EB.A/2008/7) and requested the Secretariat to update the policy on capacity-building within the framework of the Strategic Plan 2008–2011.

The Board further requested the Secretariat to propose through the Bureau as early as possible how this could be incorporated into the future Programme of Work for the Executive Board.

*12 June 2008*

## OPERATIONAL MATTERS

**2008/EB.A/11** **Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases**

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in "Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases" (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-B + Corr.1).

*10 June 2008*

**2008/EB.A/12** **Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases**

The Board approved the technical budget revisions for the projects detailed in "Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases" (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-C/2 + Corr.1).

*10 June 2008*

## WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

**2008/EB.A/13** **Draft Country Programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/1), for which the food requirement is 52,569 mt at a cost of US$46.4 million covering total WFP costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

*11 June 2008*

2008/EB.A/14 **Projects for Executive Board Approval — Development Project Liberia 10733.0**

The Board approved the proposed development project Liberia 10733.0 "Support for Education" (WFP/EB.A/2008/9-A), subject to availability of resources.

*11 June 2008*

## SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.A/15 **Draft Country Programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.A/2008/8/2), for which the food requirement is 166,620 mt at a total cost to WFP of US$106.9 million, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

*11 June 2008*

## REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2008/EB.A/16 **Humanitarian Access**

The Executive Board of the World Food Programme reiterated the importance of respect by Member States and all stakeholders for the humanitarian principles of neutrality, independence, impartiality and humanity. It recalled the obligations undertaken by all United Nations Member States to ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access between and within countries to populations in need.

All national and international efforts should be made to ensure that emergency food assistance is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible to populations in distress.

The Executive Board called on governments and all stakeholders to facilitate humanitarian work and ensure the absence of restrictions and other impediments to WFP and other humanitarian partners in delivering essential humanitarian relief.

*12 June 2008*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

### 2008/EB.A/17 Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007

In considering the "Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007" (WFP/EB.A/2008/13-A), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize and mitigate post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to improve commodity accounting practices, seek reimbursements from governments and cooperating partners when post-delivery losses were incurred, take all necessary measures to ensure losses were reduced and report to the Board annually on the progress of these efforts.

*11 June 2008*

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**2008/EB.A/18 Summary of the Work of the First Session of the Executive Board, 2008**

The Board endorsed the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2008/16.

*12 June 2008*

## OTHER BUSINESS

**2008/EB.A/19 Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008**

The Board took note of the "Report of the Joint Field Visit to Haiti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 1–9 March 2008" (WFP/EB.A/2008/15).

*12 June 2008*

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2. ***Appointment of the Rapporteur***

3. ***Opening Statement by the Executive Director***

4. ***Annual Reports***

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5. ***Policy Issues***

   a) WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (for approval)

   b) WFP Communications Strategy (for consideration)

6. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***

   a) Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007) (for approval)

   b) WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010) (for approval)

   c) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)

   d) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (for approval) – **withdrawn**

   e) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations (for consideration)

   f) Report of the Inspector General (for consideration)

   g) Sixth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for information)

h) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g)) (for information)

i) Status Report on WINGS II Project (for information)

7. ***Evaluation Reports***

- Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations (for consideration)

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8. ***Draft Country Programmes*** (for consideration)

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- Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval***

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- Liberia 10733.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities

- Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

c) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

- Somalia 10191.1 – **withdrawn**
- Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

10. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence***

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11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*** (for information)

a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director

(1 July–31 December 2007)

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- Lesotho 10582.0
- Syrian Arab Republic 10678.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director

(1 July–31 December 2007)

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director

(1 July–31 December 2007)

- Ecuador 10443.0
- Ghana 10673.0
- Mauritania 10605.0
- Niger 10611.0
- Pakistan 10671.0
- Senegal 10612.0
- Zambia 10593.0

d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)

e) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account

(1 January–31 December 2007)

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009) (for information)

13. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007 (for consideration)

b) Update on WFP Food Procurement (for information)

c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (for information)

d) Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements (for information)

e) WFP Security Report 2007 (for information)

14. ***Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2008*** (for endorsement)

15. ***Other Business***

- Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti (for information)

16. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***

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## DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2008

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## DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as proposed.

*27 October 2008*

### Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Trevor Sichombo (Zambia, List A) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2008.

*27 October 2008*

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

### 2008/EB.2/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments will be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

*27 October 2008*

## POLICY ISSUES

**2008/EB.2/2** **WFP Evaluation Policy**

The Board approved the WFP Evaluation Policy presented in WFP/EB.2/2008/4-A and requested the Secretariat to take note of comments and observations made in discussing the document.

*29 October 2008*

**2008/EB.2/3** **Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges**

The Board took note of "Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges" (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-B).

*28 October 2008*

**2008/EB.2/4** **Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)**

The Board took note of the document "Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)" (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-C + Corr.1) and requested the Secretariat to implement the actions and initiatives identified in the document to facilitate attainment of the WFP Strategic Objectives and the United Nations' targets on geographic distribution and gender for recruitment of WFP's international workforce based on merit and also taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussions.

*28 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/5 **Global Challenge, National Response: WFP's Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS**

The Board took note of "Global Challenge, National Response: WFP's Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS" (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-D).

*29 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/6 **Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition**

The Board took note of "Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition" (WFP/EB.2/2008/4-E).

*28 October 2008*

## RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

### 2008/EB.2/7 Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board:

i) **took note** of the projected total Programme of Work of US$11.4 billion, excluding provision for unforeseen emergencies;

ii) **approved** a supplementary Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) appropriation for the following purposes:

| | US$ thousand |
|---|---|
| Programme support: regional and country offices | 15 064 |
| Programme support: Headquarters | 9 717 |
| Management and administration | 41 309 |
| **Total** | **66 090** |

iii) **approved** one-time supplementary PSA appropriations of up to US$40.8 million funded from the PSA Equalization Account, for the purposes outlined in Section II of the document.

iv) **requested**, in view of the uncertainties in the global economy, and therefore in some of the underlying assumptions in the Management Plan, that the Secretariat continue its process of regular Executive Board informal consultations on the Management Plan and through the regular Management Plan Updates in February 2009 and June 2009. In light of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the FAO Finance Committee, asked the

Secretariat to provided further rationale for priorities and posts (in the latest revised PSA budget) and to bring to the Board's attention any developments that might require an adjustment in the Management Plan.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2008/5(A,B,C,D)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2008/5(A,B,C,D)/3).

*30 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/8 **Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management – Report by the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the audit recommendations made by the External Auditor in his report "Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management" (WFP/EB.2/2008/5-B/1) and of the responses made by the Secretariat as set out in the document WFP/EB.2/2008/5-B/1/Add.1, and encouraged the Secretariat to implement the audit recommendations without delay.

*28 October 2008*

## EVALUATION REPORTS

2008/EB.2/9 **Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa**

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa" (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-A/Rev.1) and of the management response (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-A/Add.1), and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*29 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/10 **Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security**

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security" (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-B) and of the management response (WFP/EB.2/2008/6-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*29 October 2008*

## ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

**2008/EB.2/11** **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Sri Lanka 10756.0**

The Executive Board approve the PRRO for Sri Lanka 10756.0 "Food For Peacebuilding and Recovery in Conflict-Affected Areas" (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/2).

*30 October 2008*

## SOUTHERN, EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

**2008/EB.2/12** **Country Programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.2/2008/7/2) for which the food requirement is 166,620 mt at a total cost to WFP of US$106.3 million.

*30 October 2008*

**2008/EB.2/13** **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Burundi 10528.1**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Burundi 10528.1 "Support for Stabilization and Recovery: Protecting and Creating Livelihoods and Improving the Nutritional Status of the Most Vulnerable" (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/1).

*28 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/14 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Ethiopia 10127.3**

The Board approved the proposed PRRO Ethiopia 10127.3 "Food Assistance to Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean Refugees" (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-B/3 + Corr.1).

*28 October 2008*

## WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2008/EB.2/15 **Country Programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013) (WFP/EB.2/2008/7/1), for which the food requirement is 52,569 mt at a total cost to WFP of US$46.4 million.

*30 October 2008*

2008/EB.2/16 **Development Project Côte d'Ivoire 10759.0**

The Board approved the proposed development project Côte d'Ivoire 10759.0 "Support to Sustainable School Feeding" (WFP/EB.2/2008/8-A), subject to the availability of resources.

*29 October 2008*

## ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

**2008/EB.2/17 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)**

The Board approved the "Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)" (WFP/EB.2/2008/11) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

*30 October 2008*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

**2008/EB.2/18 Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director" (WFP/EB.2/2008/12), and confirmed the existing levels of delegation of authority to the Executive Director.

*29 October 2008*

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**2008/EB.2/19 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008**

The Board endorsed the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.A/2008/17.

*30 October 2008*

OTHER BUSINESS

2008/EB.2/20 **Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras**

The Board took note of the Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras (WFP/EB.2/2008/14).

*30 October 2008*

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# AGENDA

1. *Adoption of the Agenda*

2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*

3. *Opening Remarks by the Executive Director*

4. *Policy Issues*

   a) WFP Evaluation Policy (for approval)

   b) Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges (for consideration)

   c) Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011): (for consideration)

   d) Global Challenge, National Response: WFP's Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS (for information)

   e) Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition (for information)

   f) Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies – An Updated Version (October 2008)

5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

   a) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (for approval)

   b) Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management – Report by the External Auditor (for consideration)

      - Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management (for consideration)

c) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for 2008–2009 (for information)

d) Update on the WINGS II Project (for information)

6. ***Evaluation Reports*** (for consideration)

a) Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Management Response to the Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa

b) Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security

- Management Response to the Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security

**Operational Matters**

7. ***Country Programmes*** (for approval on a no-objection basis)

- Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
- Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

8. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval***

a) Development Projects

- Côte d'Ivoire 10759.0

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

- Burundi 10528.1
- Ethiopia 10127.3
- Sri Lanka 10756.0

9. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence*** (for information)

a) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by Correspondence between the Annual Session and the Second Regular Session 2008

- Timor-Leste 10388.1

b) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by Correspondence between the Annual Session and the Second Regular Session 2008

- Afghanistan 10427.0
- Democratic Republic of the Congo 10608.0
- Ethiopia 10665.0
- Somalia 10191.1
- Zimbabwe 10595.0

10. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*** (for information)

a) Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)

- Djibouti 10727.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)

- Central African Republic 10189.2
- Lesotho 10599.0
- Swaziland 10602.0
- Yemen 10232.1

d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2008)

e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2008)

11. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010) (for approval)

12. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (for approval)

13. ***Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008***

14. ***Other Business***

- Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras (for information)

15. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***

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